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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Cesar Z. Lina  
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Customer No.: 30159

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. BOX 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Examiner Hand:

In response to the Office action dated June 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.